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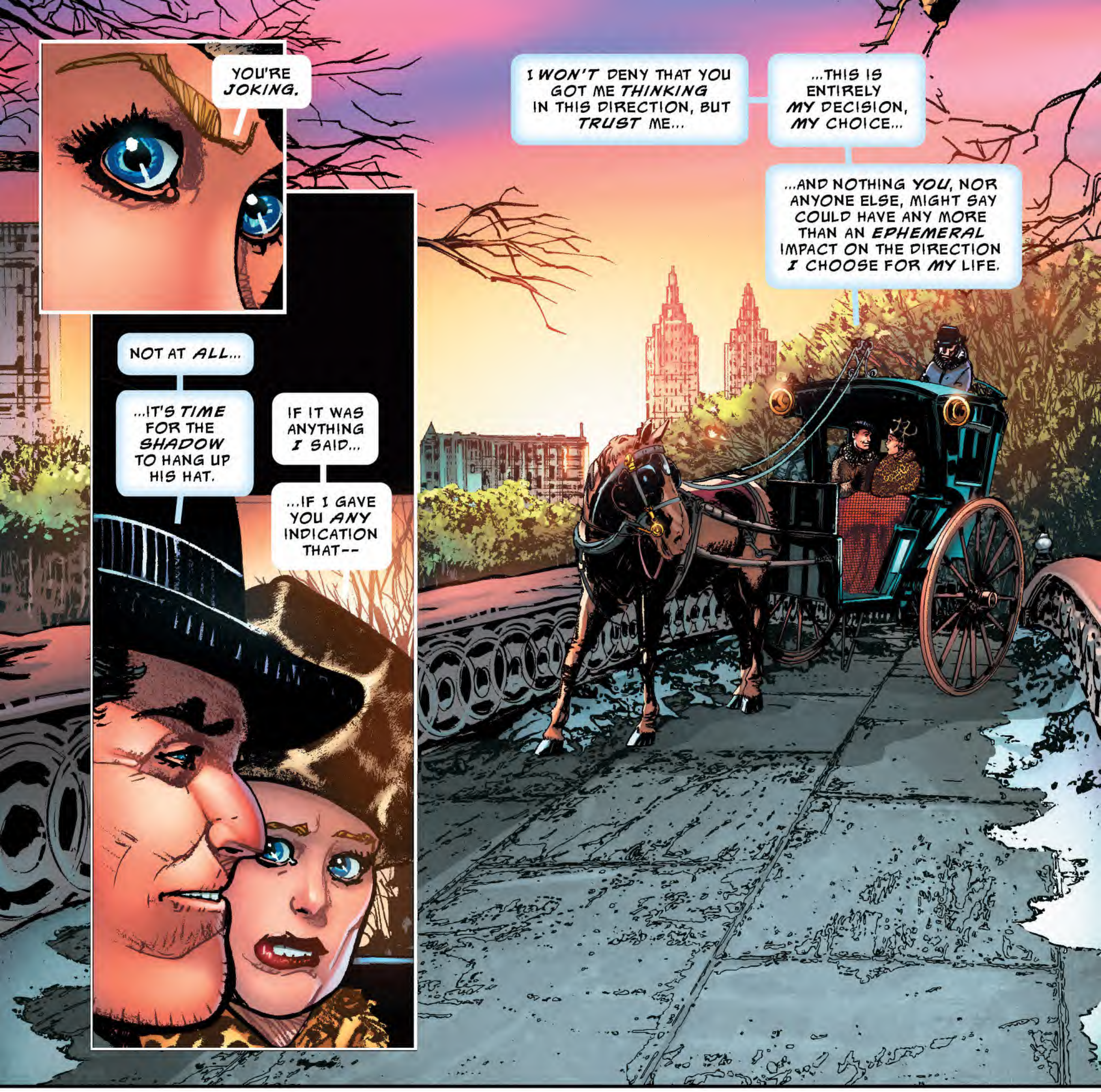
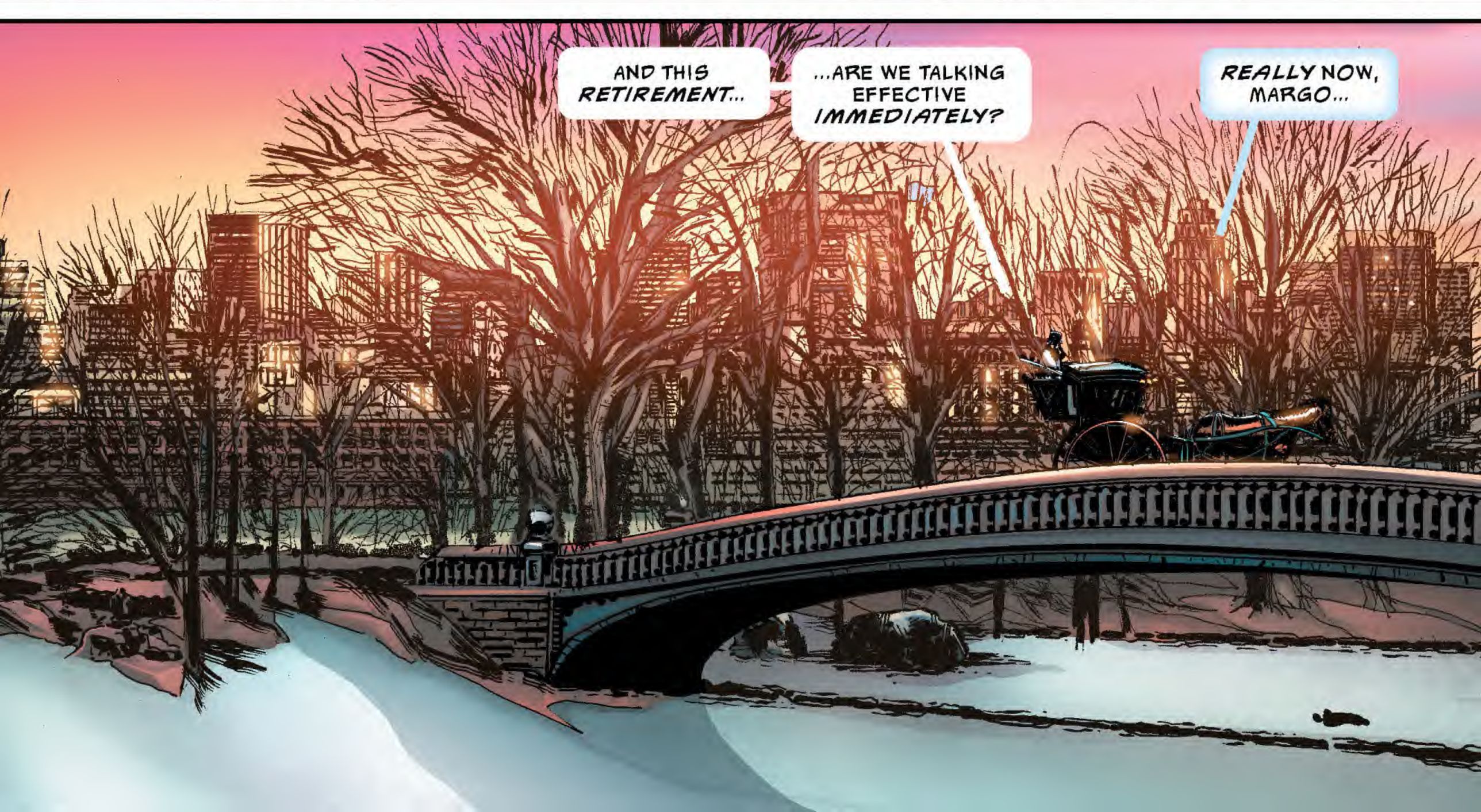

YOU'RE JOKING.
NOT AT ALL...
...IT'S TIME FOR THE SHADOW TO HANG UP HIS HAT.
IF IT WAS ANYTHING I SAID...
...IF I GAVE YOU ANY INDICATION THAT--
I WON'T DENY THAT YOU GOT ME THINKING IN THIS DIRECTION, BUT TRUST ME...
...THIS IS ENTIRELY MY DECISION, MY CHOICE...
...AND NOTHING YOU, NOR ANYONE ELSE, MIGHT SAY COULD HAVE ANY MORE THAN AN EPHEMERAL IMPACT ON THE DIRECTION I CHOOSE FOR MY LIFE.


AND THIS RETIREMENT...
...ARE WE TALKING EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY?
REALLY NOW, MARGO...

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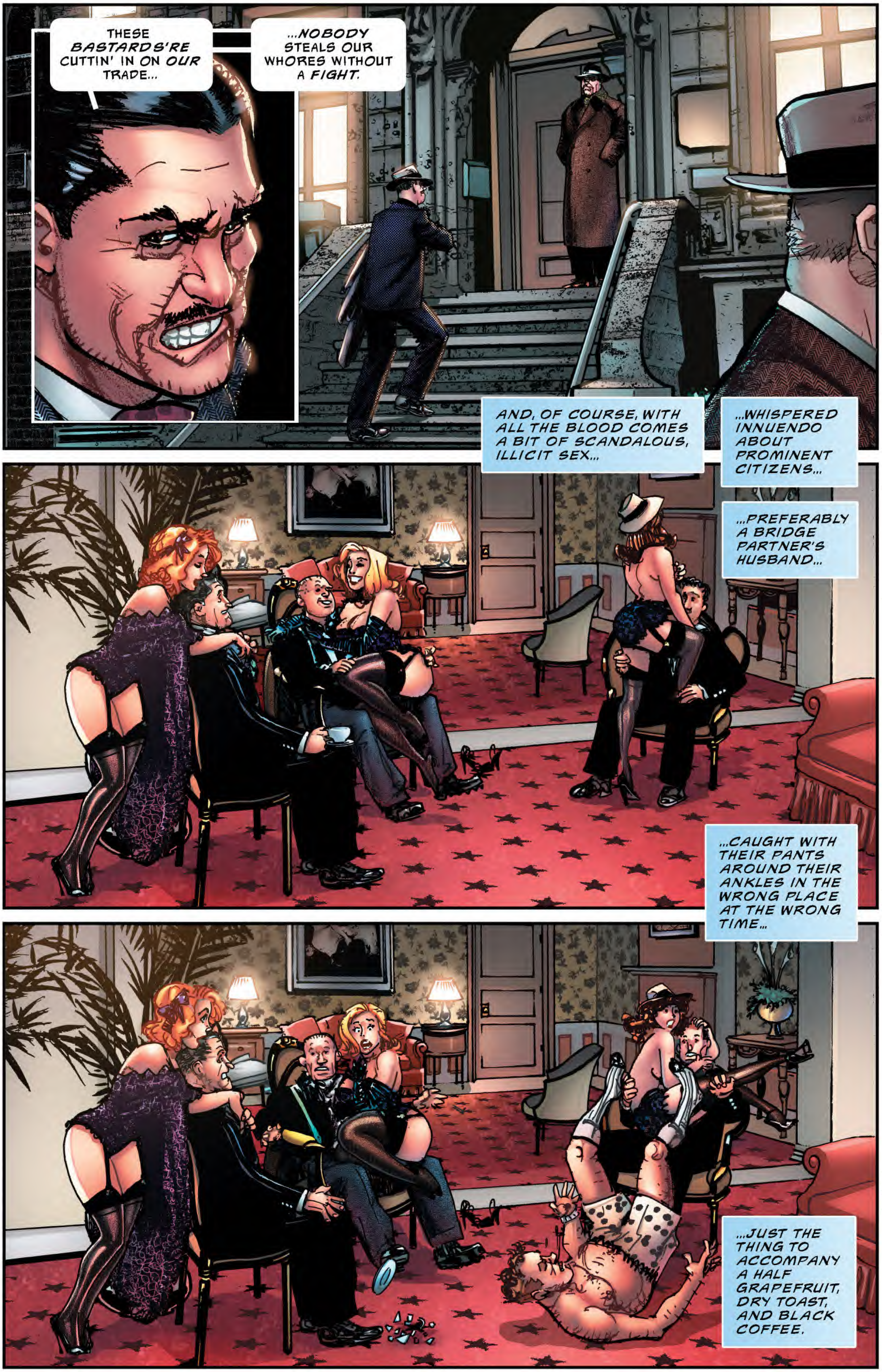
MIDNIGHT IN MOSCOW PART 2

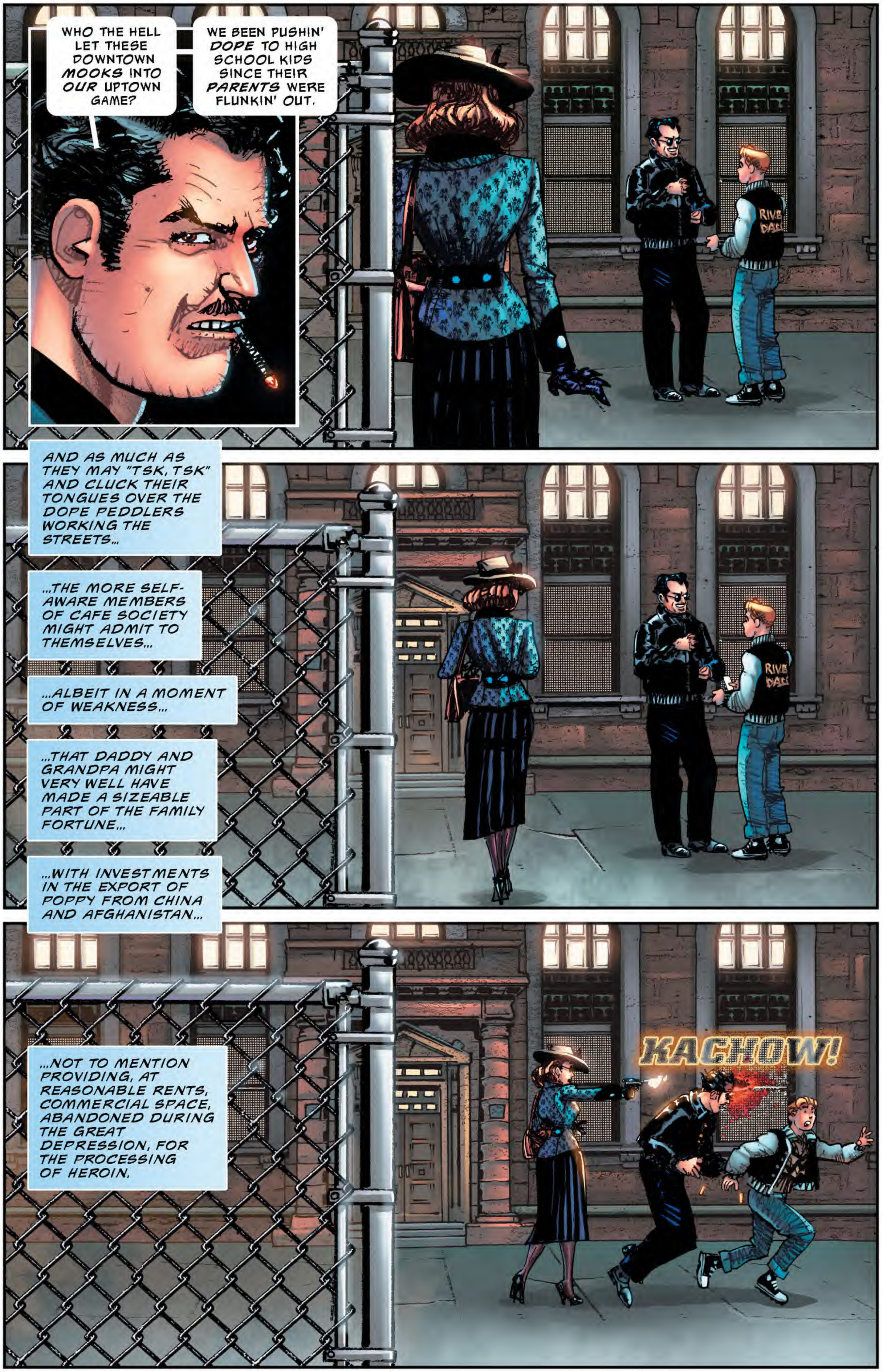
WE GONNA LET THESE LOWLIFES GET OVER ON US?
NOT TONIGHT, BOYS...
PORK STORE
EST.1938
D'Auria and Son
UNIONE SICILIANO SOCIAL CLUB

...ARE SHOCKED TO DISCOVER REPORTS OF THE BLOOD-SOAKED STREETS HAVE MOVED...
...NOT TONIGHT.
BARBER
Claudio's Barber Shop
EST.1938
D'Auria and Son

...FROM THE BURIAL-GROUND BACK PAGES OF THE METRO SECTION...
SHABOOOOMM!!
BARBER
...TO THE FRONT PAGE.


THESE BASTARDS'RE CUTTIN' IN ON OUR TRADE...
...NOBODY STEALS OUR WHORES WITHOUT A FIGHT.
AND, OF COURSE, WITH ALL THE BLOOD COMES A BIT OF SCANDALOUS, ILLICIT SEX...
...WHISPERED INNUENDO ABOUT PROMINENT CITIZENS...
...PREFERABLY A BRIDGE PARTNER'S HUSBAND...
...CAUGHT WITH THEIR PANTS AROUND THEIR ANKLES IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME...
...JUST THE THING TO ACCOMPANY A HALF GRAPEFRUIT, DRY TOAST, AND BLACK COFFEE.

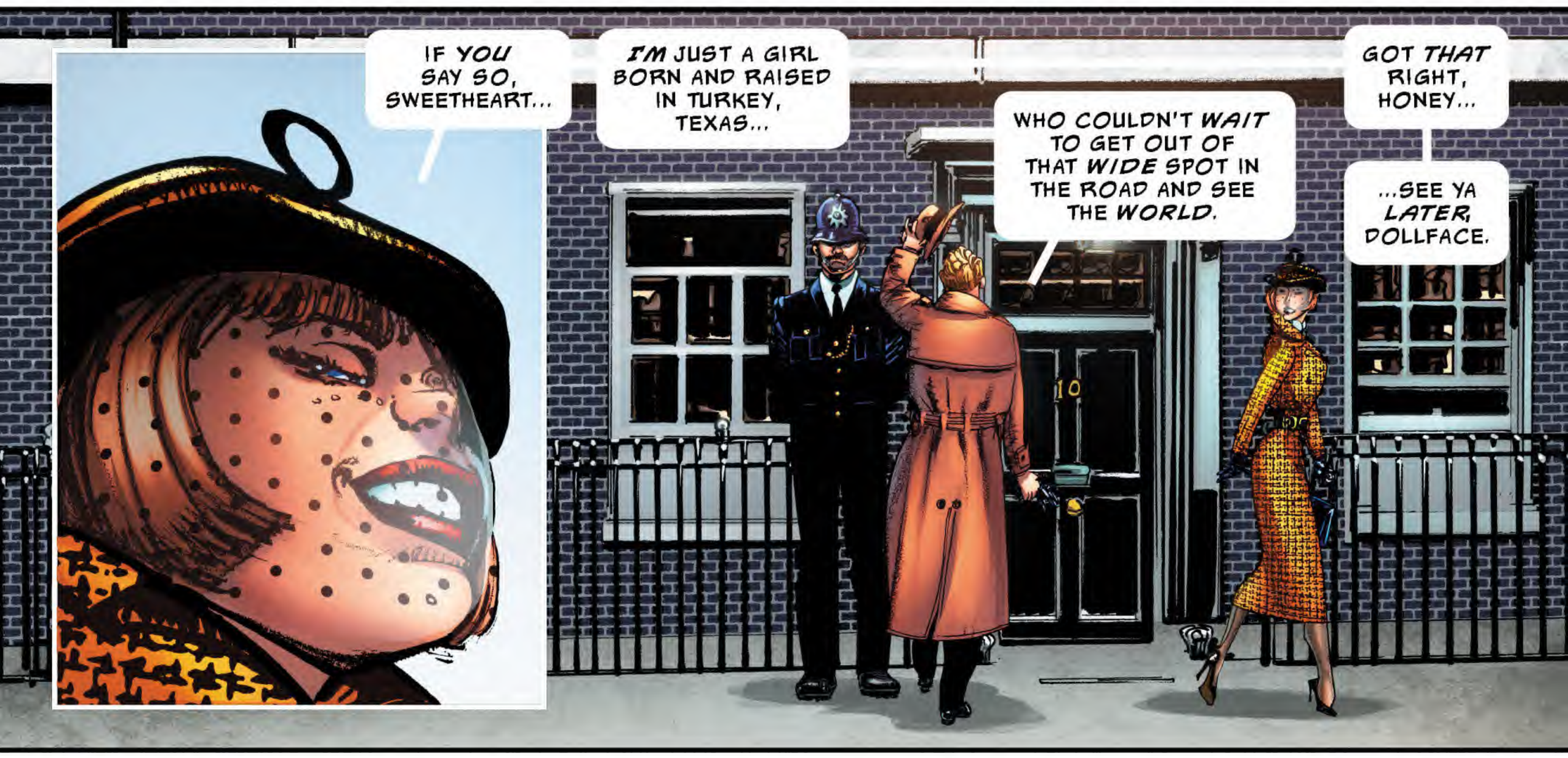
THESE SONS OF BITCHES THINK THEY CAN STEAL OUR ACTION?
TO HELL WITH THE THREE MILE LIMIT, Y'ASK ME.
OF COURSE, ONCE ONE MOVES PAST MURDER FOR HIRE, AND RUNNING WHORES...
...ILLEGAL GAMBLING IS ALWAYS NEXT.
NEEDLESS TO SAY, THIS HITS CLOSER TO HOME FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE TONY UPPER EAST SIDE...
...BECAUSE, REALLY NOW, IT'S NOT ACTUALLY GAMBLING IF YOU CAN AFFORD TO LOSE...
...BUT TRY TELLING THAT TO AN ARMED GANGSTER WITH A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER, N'EST-CE PAS?

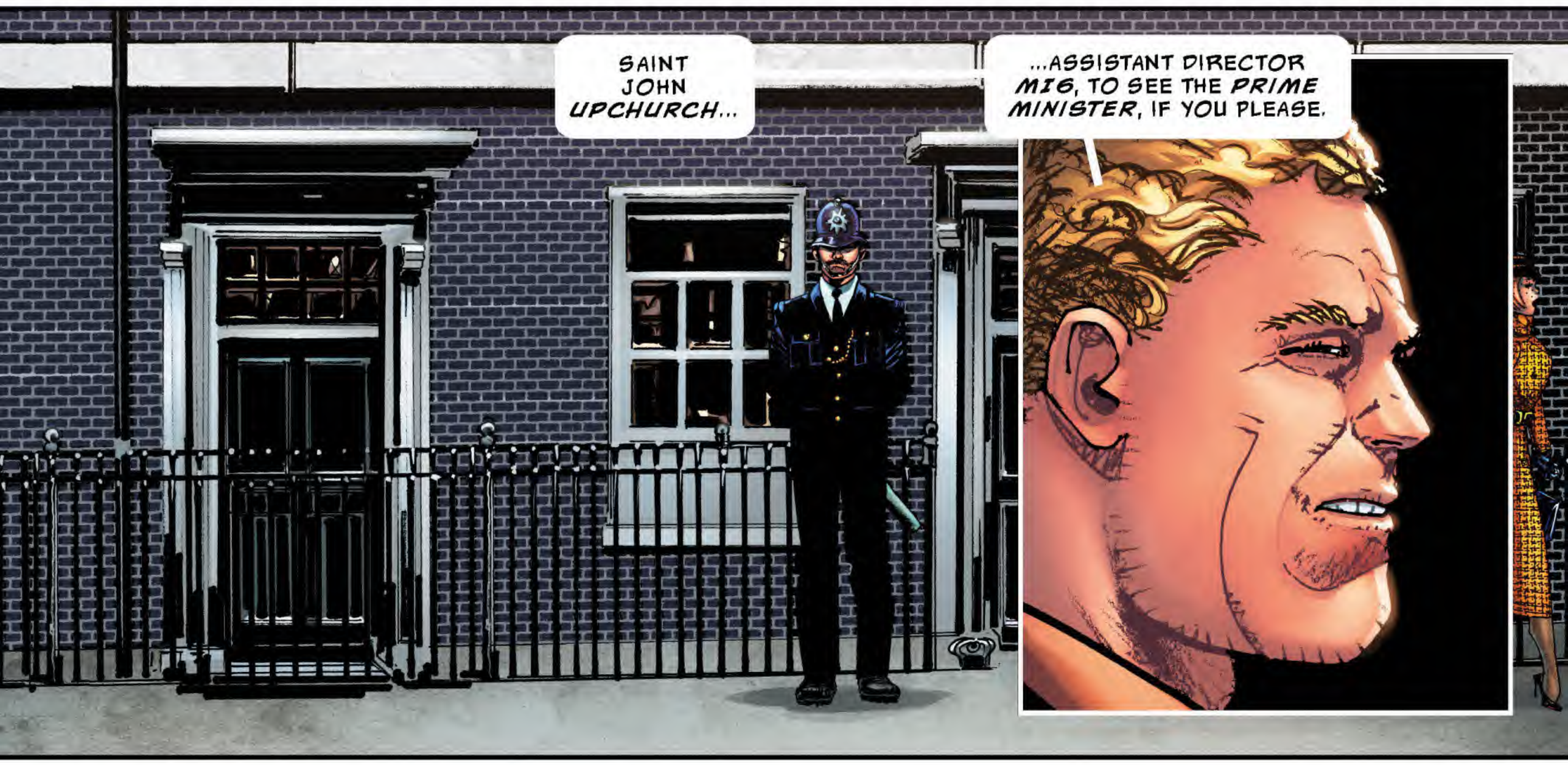

WHO THE HELL LET THESE DOWNTOWN MOOKS INTO OUR UPTOWN GAME?
WE BEEN PUSHIN' DOPE TO HIGH SCHOOL KIDS SINCE THEIR PARENTS WERE FLUNKIN' OUT.
AND AS MUCH AS THEY MAY "TSK, TSK" AND CLUCK THEIR TONGUES OVER THE DOPE PEDDLERS WORKING THE STREETS...
...THE MORE SELF-AWARE MEMBERS OF CAFE SOCIETY MIGHT ADMIT TO THEMSELVES...
...ALBEIT IN A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS...
...THAT DADDY AND GRANDPA MIGHT VERY WELL HAVE MADE A SIZEABLE PART OF THE FAMILY FORTUNE...
...WITH INVESTMENTS IN THE EXPORT OF POPPY FROM CHINA AND AFGHANISTAN...
...NOT TO MENTION PROVIDING, AT REASONABLE RENTS, COMMERCIAL SPACE, ABANDONED DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION, FOR THE PROCESSING OF HEROIN.
KACHOW!

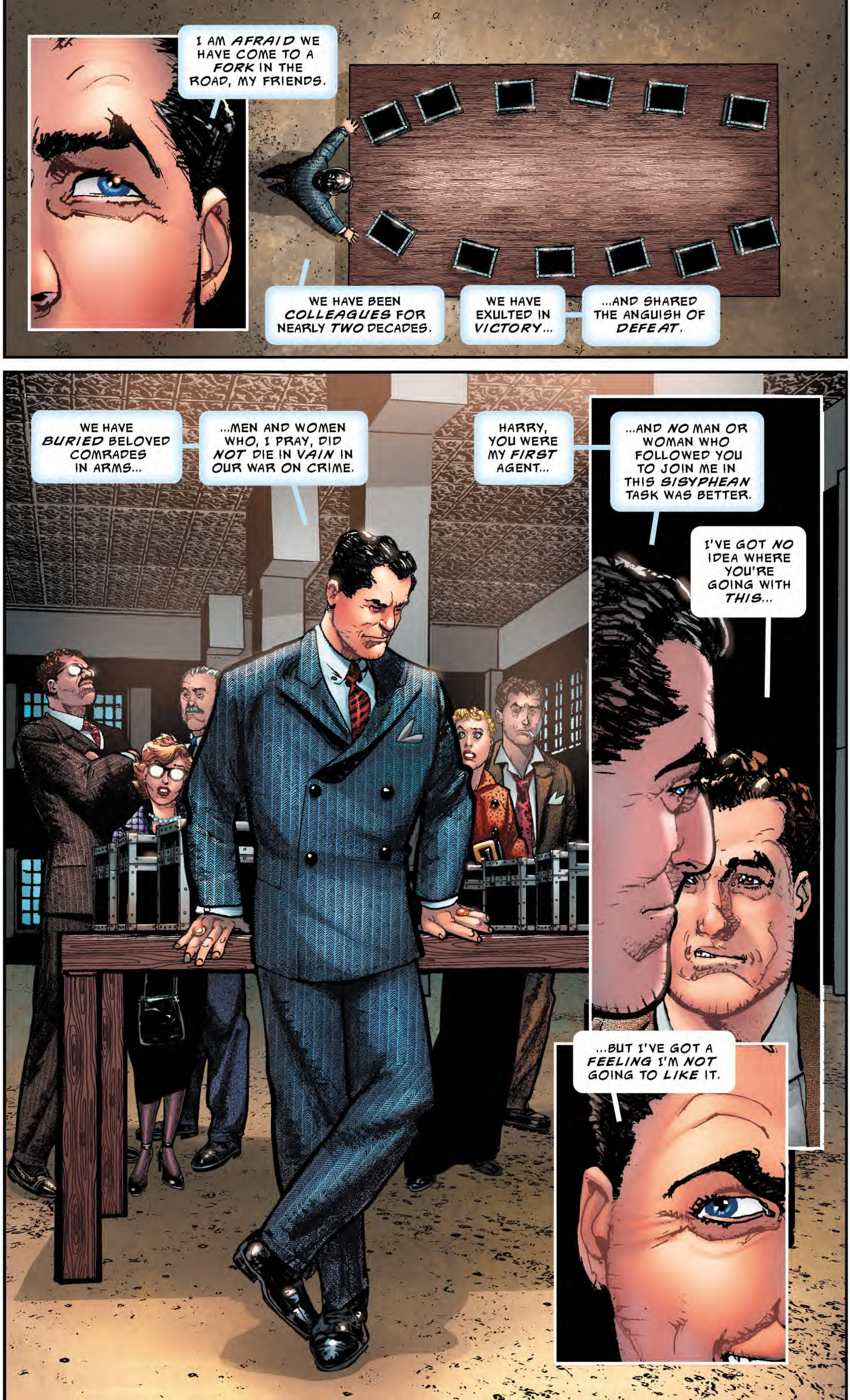
PATIENCE, MY FRIENDS.
AS WE'RE ALL TOO AWARE...
...IT'S BEEN A VERY BUSY WEEK...
...BOTH FOR US...
...AND FOR OUR ADVERSARIES...
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE FAMILIES FIND OUT IT WAS YOU PLAYING AGENT PROVOCATEUR?
NOT WHEN, HARRY- IF...
...AND BY SUCH TIME AS SUCH A THING BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE...
...EACH WILL BELIEVE THE OTHER FAMILIES WERE IN LEAGUE WITH OUR LITTLE GROUP OF LIKE-MINDED CITIZENS.
THERE'S A REASON THE WEED OF CRIME BEARS BITTER FRUIT...
...FOR THE MOST PART, CRIMINALS ARE IDIOTS.

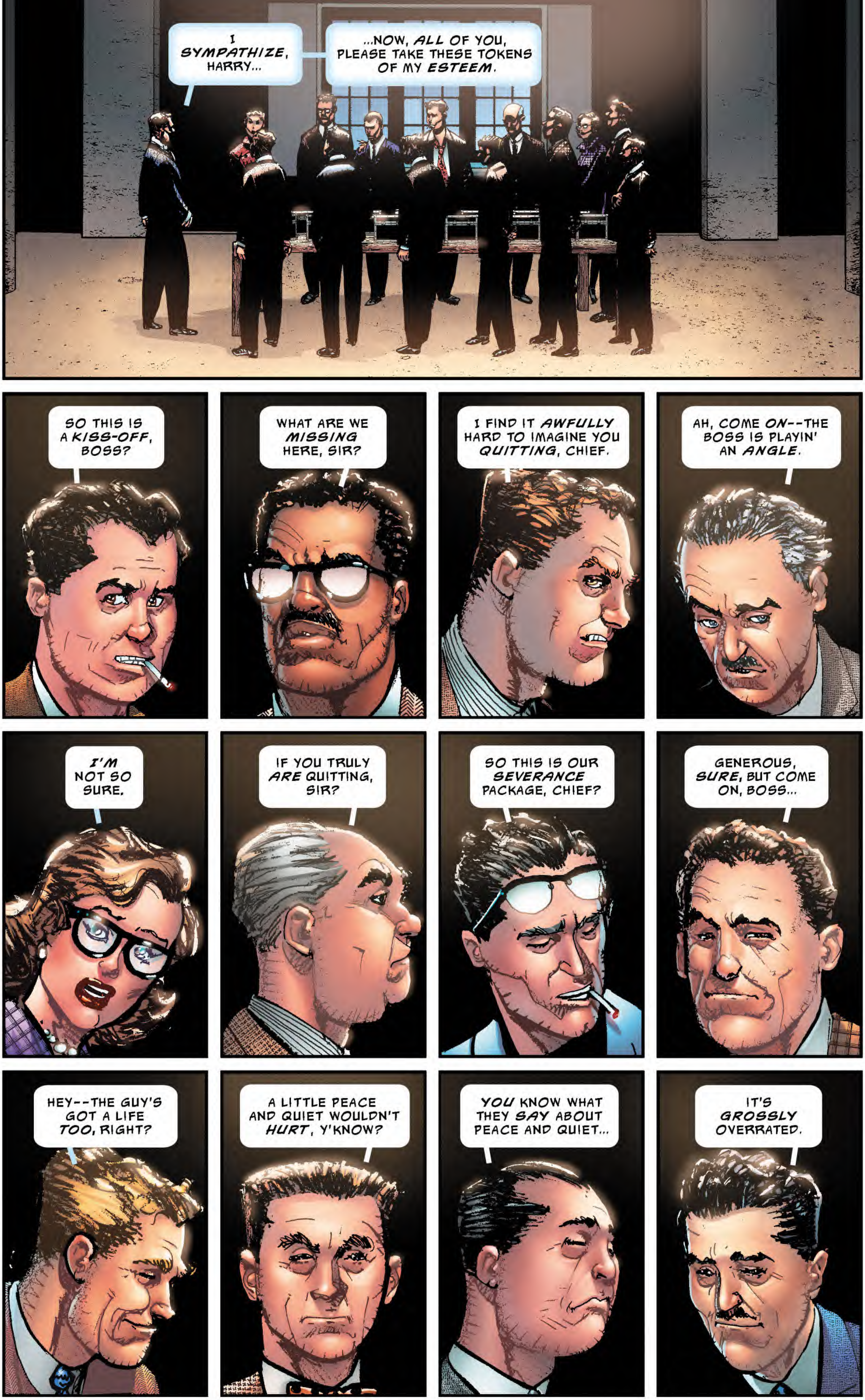
A MIASMA OF WOOD SMOKE, FOG AND RIVER MIST HANGS OVER THE CITY...
...AS LONDONERS GREET ANOTHER GRAY DAY, WONDERING WHETHER THE PRICE OF VICTORY HAS BEEN TOO MUCH TO BEAR.
I ALMOST FEEL SAD FOR POOR OL' DR. THORPE.
REALLY NOW, DIXIE...
...THAT WAS YOU RIDING HIM LIKE A BRONCO FOR THE CAMERA.
WELL, SHORE IT WAS, SAINT HONEY--
AND YOU FEEL BAD ABOUT BLACKMAILING THIS PATHETIC DUPE INTO WORKING FOR US?
NOT BAD, EXACTLY...
...MORE LIKE GUILTY...
GUILTY...?
WELL, YEAH...
...I MEAN, LET'S CALL A SPADE A SPADE HERE...

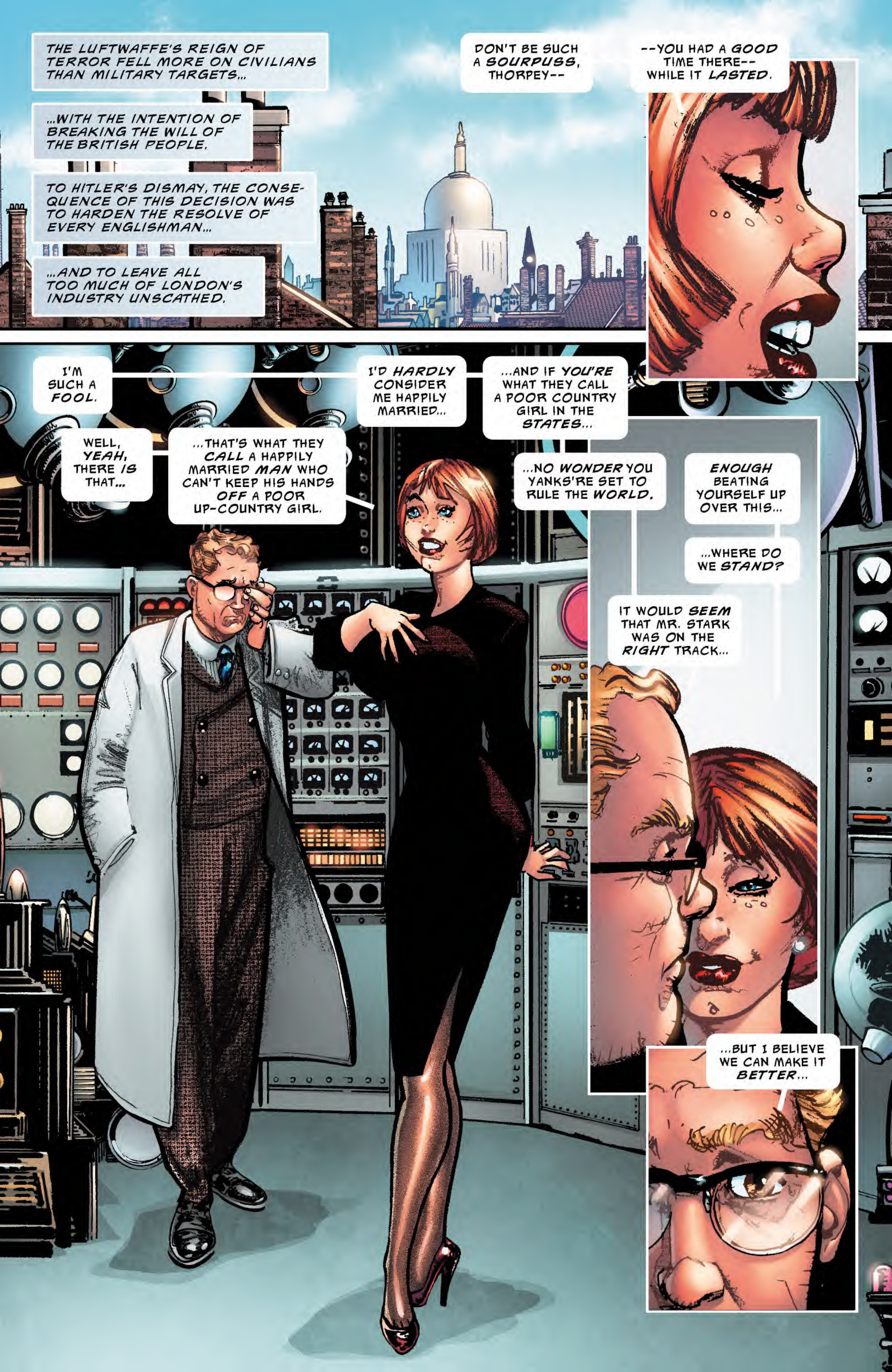
...WE BOTH KNOW THE POOR SAP WAS DONE...
...ONCE HE GOT A WHIFF OF WHAT SHALIMAR SMELLS LIKE ON LI'L OL' ME.
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT.
SO YOU'RE SAYING WE DIDN'T GIVE HIM A SPORTING CHANCE?
MISS TEAGARDEN, YOU ARE A SKETCH.

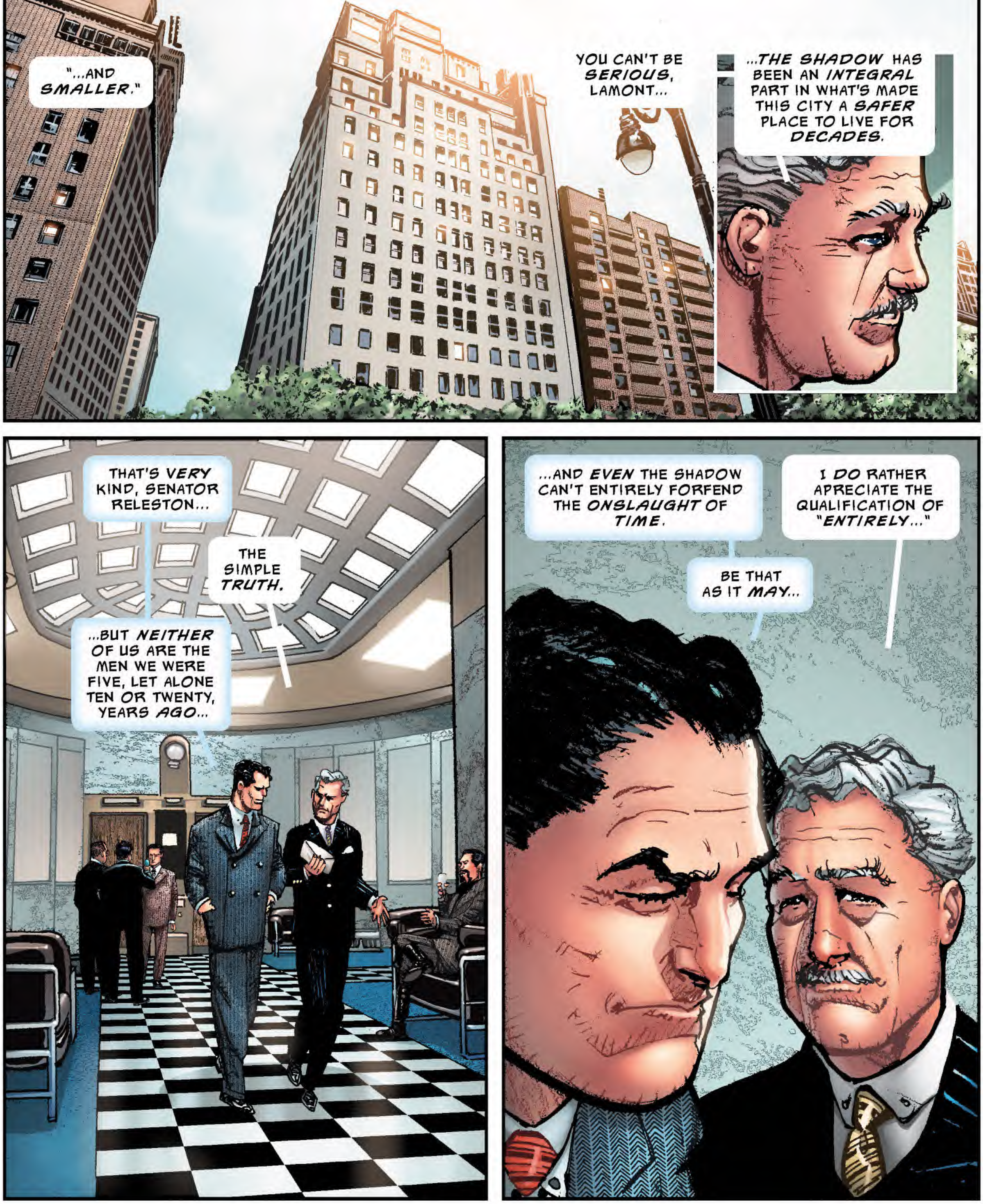

IF YOU SAY SO, SWEETHEART...
I'M JUST A GIRL BORN AND RAISED IN TURKEY, TEXAS...
WHO COULDN'T WAIT TO GET OUT OF THAT WIDE SPOT IN THE ROAD AND SEE THE WORLD.
GOT THAT RIGHT, HONEY...
...SEE YA LATER, DOLLFACE.


SAINT JOHN UPCHURCH...
...ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MI6, TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER, IF YOU PLEASE.


I AM AFRAID WE HAVE COME TO A FORK IN THE ROAD, MY FRIENDS.
WE HAVE BEEN COLLEAGUES FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES.
WE HAVE EXULTED IN VICTORY...
...AND SHARED THE ANGUISH OF DEFEAT.
WE HAVE BURIED BELOVED COMRADES IN ARMS...
...MEN AND WOMEN WHO, I PRAY, DID NOT DIE IN VAIN IN OUR WAR ON CRIME.
HARRY, YOU WERE MY FIRST AGENT...
...AND NO MAN OR WOMAN WHO FOLLOWED YOU TO JOIN ME IN THIS SISYPHEAN TASK WAS BETTER.
I'VE GOT NO IDEA WHERE YOU'RE GOING WITH THIS...
...BUT I'VE GOT A FEELING I'M NOT GOING TO LIKE IT.


I SYMPATHIZE, HARRY...
...NOW, ALL OF YOU, PLEASE TAKE THESE TOKENS OF MY ESTEEM.
SO THIS IS A KISS-OFF, BOSS?
WHAT ARE WE MISSING HERE, SIR?
I FIND IT AWFULLY HARD TO IMAGINE YOU QUITTING, CHIEF.
AH, COME ON--THE BOSS IS PLAYIN' AN ANGLE.
I'M NOT SO SURE.
IF YOU TRULY ARE QUITTING, SIR?
SO THIS IS OUR SEVERANCE PACKAGE, CHIEF?
GENEROUS, SURE, BUT COME ON, BOSS...
HEY--THE GUY'S GOT A LIFE TOO, RIGHT?
A LITTLE PEACE AND QUIET WOULDN'T HURT, Y'KNOW?
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT PEACE AND QUIET...
IT'S GROSSLY OVERRATED.


THE LUFTWAFFE'S REIGN OF TERROR FELL MORE ON CIVILIANS THAN MILITARY TARGETS...
...WITH THE INTENTION OF BREAKING THE WILL OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE.
TO HITLER'S DISMAY, THE CONSEQUENCE OF THIS DECISION WAS TO HARDEN THE RESOLVE OF EVERY ENGLISHMAN...
...AND TO LEAVE ALL TOO MUCH OF LONDON'S INDUSTRY UNSCATHED.
DON'T BE SUCH A SOURPUSS, THORPEY--
--YOU HAD A GOOD TIME THERE-- WHILE IT LASTED.
I'M SUCH A FOOL.
WELL, YEAH, THERE IS THAT...
...THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL A HAPPILY MARRIED MAN WHO CAN'T KEEP HIS HANDS OFF A POOR UP-COUNTRY GIRL.
I'D HARDLY CONSIDER ME HAPPILY MARRIED...
...AND IF YOU'RE WHAT THEY CALL A POOR COUNTRY GIRL IN THE STATES...
...NO WONDER YOU YANKS'RE SET TO RULE THE WORLD.
ENOUGH BEATING YOURSELF UP OVER THIS...
...WHERE DO WE STAND?
IT WOULD SEEM THAT MR. STARK WAS ON THE RIGHT TRACK...
...BUT I BELIEVE WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER...


"...AND SMALLER."
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS, LAMONT...
...THE SHADOW HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART IN WHAT'S MADE THIS CITY A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE FOR DECADES.
THAT'S VERY KIND, SENATOR RELESTON...
THE SIMPLE TRUTH.
...BUT NEITHER OF US ARE THE MEN WE WERE FIVE, LET ALONE TEN OR TWENTY, YEARS AGO...
...AND EVEN THE SHADOW CAN'T ENTIRELY FORFEND THE ONSLAUGHT OF TIME.
I DO RATHER APRECIATE THE QUALIFICATION OF "ENTIRELY..."
BE THAT AS IT MAY...
...AS WE DISCUSSED, THE CONTENTS OF THAT ENVELOPE WILL EXPLAIN HOW I'D PREFER MY HOLDINGS BE DEALT WITH.
THANK YOU, ROSS...
...IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE DEALING WITH THAT RARE PUBLIC SERVANT WHO'S A MAN OF HONOR.
AND, NEEDLESS TO SAY, I WILL FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS TO THE LETTER--AS WILL ANYONE ELSE WHO SUCCEEDS ME IN MY SENATORIAL SEAT.

PROCEED WITH *CAUTION*, IF YOU *PLEASE*...

AND I--

BARA-THABOOM!

--DO.

WAS *THIS* REALLY NECESSARY?

I'VE BEEN HEARING A VARIATION ON THAT *QUESTION*--

--FROM NEARLY EVERYBODY THESE PAST FEW DAYS.

THE *ANSWER*, MR. GRANT, IS AN *UNQUALIFIED* YES.

IF YOU *SAY* SO, MR. CRANSTON...

...BUT THE SHADOW WILL BE MISSED BY *MANY*...

...NOT THE *LEAST* OF WHOM WILL BE *ME*.

I'M MORE THAN *GRATEFUL* FOR YOUR WORK IN TRANSLATING MY NOCTURNAL *FORAYS* INTO A FORM *ACCESSIBLE* TO THE AVERAGE MAN ON THE *STREET*.

THAT *SATCHEL* CONTAINS THE DETAILS OF MY *FINAL* ADVENTURES.

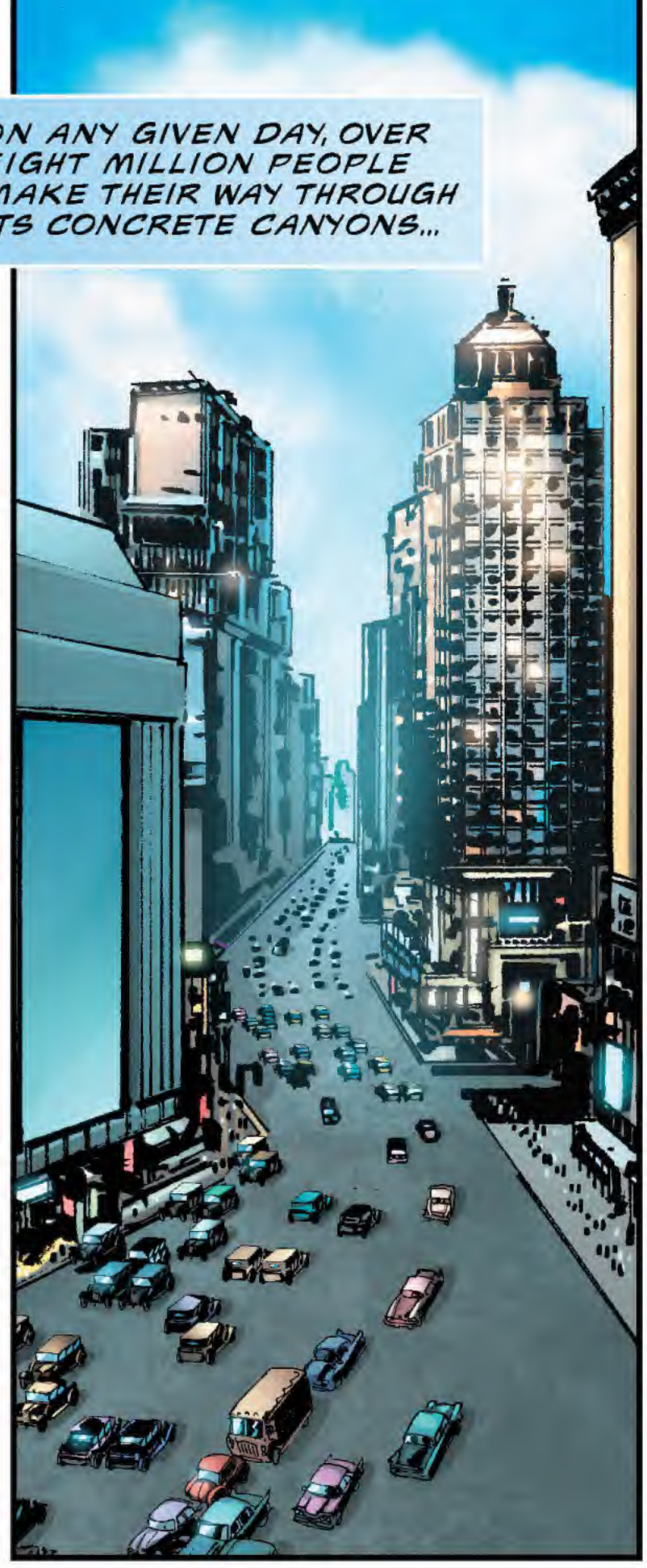
I *EXPECT* NO LESS.

I'LL DO MY *BEST*, SIR...

...AND MY *ETERNAL* THANKS.

THE ISLAND OF MANHATTAN IS APPROXIMATELY 13 MILES LONG...

...AND TWO MILES WIDE.


ON ANY GIVEN DAY, OVER EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE MAKE THEIR WAY THROUGH ITS CONCRETE CANYONS...

...MEN AND WOMEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE...
FUTURE HOME OF THE UNITED NATIONS

...REPRESENTING ALL FAITHS...
WONDERAMA
Grenadier Club
Admiral
TELEVISION
APPLIANCES
Upton Prior Hotel

...AS WELL AS A SIZABLE SWARM OF THE UTTERLY FAITHLESS.

I WILL MISS THIS PLACE.
NO NEED TO MAUNDER, MARGO...
...IT'S NOT AS IF WE'RE DYING, YOU KNOW...
...CALL IT AN EXTENDED SABBATICAL...
...OR A HIATUS.
I KNOW, LAMONT...
...BUT IT'S STILL THE END OF A MOMENTOUS PART OF MY LIFE.
TRY THINKING OF IT AS A NEW CHAPTER.
THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...
...MEN CAN ALWAYS START OVER.
AND WOMEN CAN'T...?
HARDLY. LOOK AT YOU--
YES...?
--YOU'RE IN YOUR PRIME OF LIFE.
AND YOU?
ME?
I'M AN UNMARRIED, CHILDLESS WOMAN CAREENING INTO MIDDLE AGE...
...OR, AS US GIRLS LIKE TO CALL IT, HELL.

ALL SET, BOSS?
NO SECOND THOUGHTS, NO DOUBTS, HUH?
WE ARE INDEED, SHREVVY.
A MAN WITHOUT DOUBT IS LIKE A STAGNANT POOL...

...A CONDITION WHICH BREEDS NOTHING BUT REPTILES OF THE MIND.
HE LIKE THIS WHEN NO ONE'S AROUND, TOO?
I'M AFRAID SO, SHREVVY.

Y'KNOW, I HAD A THOUGHT...
I'M THINKIN, WHILE YOU'RE GONE...
...I'M GONNA GO TO NIGHT SCHOOL...
YES...?

...MAYBE THEN I CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT.
TAXI

SIMPSON'S IN THE STRAND CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL IN THIS NEW YEAR.

SIMPSON'S

FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS, THIS VENERABLE ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN SERVING GOOD ENGLISH ROAST BEEF TO GOOD AND BAD ENGLISHMEN.

YOU CALL THIS *BEEF*?

BUT THE STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE DEFINED BY THE BRITISH PALATE...

...LEAVE THE MEANING OF "GOOD" NEBULOUS AT BEST.

IT'S THE *BEST* IN ENGLAND.

I'VE TASTED *SHOES* WITH MORE FLAVOR.

NO *WONDER* YOU PEOPLE'RE SO DAMNED *DEPRESSED*.

I'D LIKE TO *THINK* WE'VE GOT *MORE* TO WORRY ABOUT THAN SIMPSON'S ROAST BEEF.

MEBBE SO...

...BUT YOU COME TO TEXAS WITH *ME*, I'LL FEED YOU *BARBECUE* SO GOOD YOU'LL THINK YOU'VE DIED AND GONE TO *HEAVEN*.

SPEAKING OF *HEAVEN*, HOW IS OUR *COLLEAGUE* PROCEEDING?

THORPEY'S ALL IN A *SNIT*, BUT I'LL TELL YOU...

...ONCE YOU GET PAST HIS *PISSINESS*, I THINK HE'S ENJOYING THE *CHALLENGE*.

AND THERE SHE IS, IN ALL HER GLORY.
BACK IN THIRTY-ONE, WHEN I CAME HOME TO THE STATES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE GREAT WAR...
...I WAS STRUCK BY HOW WEATHERED THE OLD GIRL WAS...
...BY WHAT TIME, THE ELEMENTS...
...BY WHAT NEW YORK CITY HAD WROUGHT ON HER FINE BRONZE SURFACE.
AND NOW...?
NOW I LOOK AT MYSELF...
...AND I SEE WHAT THOSE SAME ELEMENTS HAVE DONE TO ME...
...AND I KNOW IN MY HEART IT'S TIME TO REST.
End Part Two

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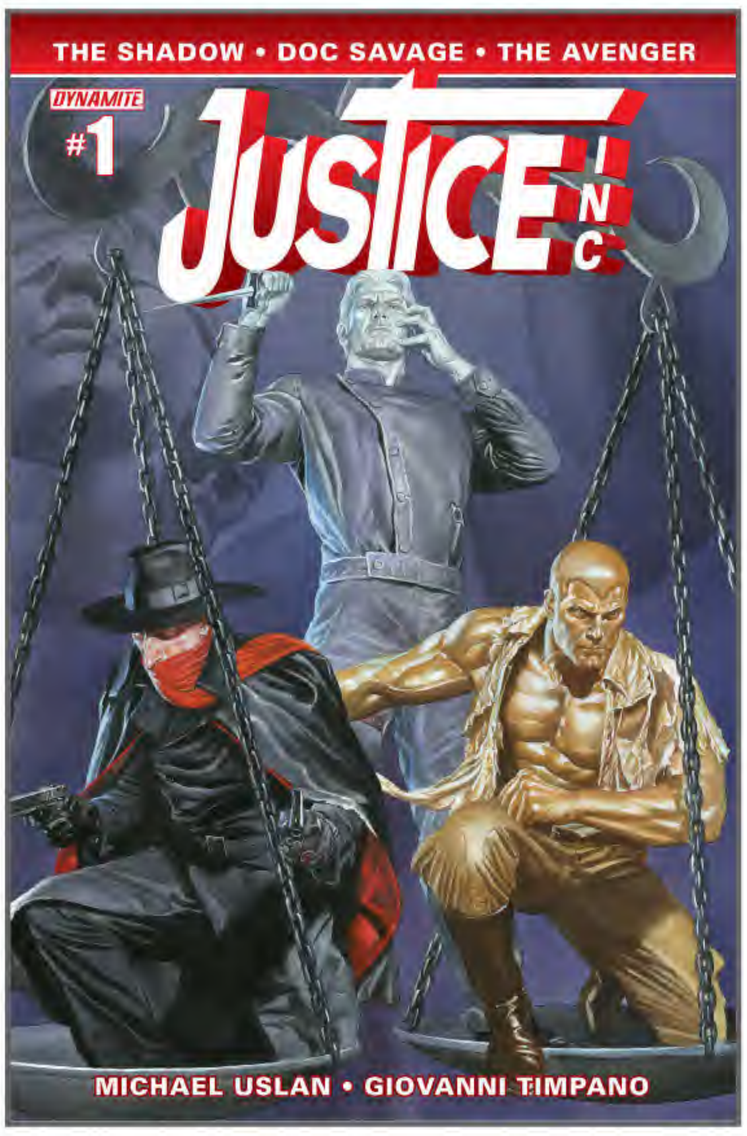
IN THE NEWS - JUNE 2014

BEFORE THERE WAS A JUSTICE LEAGUE...
BEFORE THERE WAS A JUSTICE SOCIETY...

THERE WAS . . . . . JUSTICE, INC.!

JUSTICE, INC. #1! WRITTEN BY MICHAEL USLAN!

A DYNAMITE ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION SET FOR AUGUST RELEASE!



An event 75 years in the making! Stretched across time, The Shadow, Doc Savage, and The Avenger meet for the first time in Justice, Inc. #1! With the stakes this high, it will take three heroes to fight together as the Justice, Inc.! In time for Dynamite's 10th Anniversary celebration, Justice, Inc. #1 will be released in August 2014 and is written by Michael Uslan with interiors by Giovanni Timpano. The Original Avenger has been the star of his own Justice, Inc. series and previously drawn by some of the greatest artists in comics: Jack Kirby! Joe Kubert! Kyle Baker! And now joining those illustrious ranks of illustrators, come covers by Alex Ross, Francesco Francavilla, Stephen Segovia, Ardian Syaf and Gabriel Hardman!

"Doc Savage inspired the creation of Superman. The Shadow directly inspired the creation of Batman. The Avenger sparked the creation of a multitude of... Well... Avengers! What an honor to write a story starring them all! It's always been beyond my comprehension how Street & Smith pulp magazines and comics never ever in 75 years teamed the three of them up! Can you imagine if up till now DC had never crossed/over Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman? Could you grasp Marvel never teaming up Captain America, Sub-Mariner and The Human Torch? I love history! And THIS, fellow fan-boys, IS history! I am so excited that this task has fallen to me. I love these characters and knew Walter Gibson, creative force behind The Shadow. I feel a personal obligation to him to do the very best job I can, and I'm grateful to Nick Barrucci and the Dynamite team for making this happen at last!" - Michal Uslan, writer of Justice, Inc.

"Michael is one of the most inspired and versatile writers in the industry with his experience in comics, film and prose," says Dynamite CEO / Publisher Nick Barrucci. "Michael doesn't write many series due to his schedule, but when he does, he puts all of his energy and a passion that few can bring to a series, and it shows. This IS a historic cross-over, and we couldn't be more pleased that Michael is the person spearheading the series. And the best part is that Michael will use his PR machine to help promote the series every issue in stores for retailers to help them have higher sell through as more fans will know of the series. And nothing is more exciting than having a series reach as many readers as possible."

In Justice, Inc. #1, an airliner vanishes without a trace! It's the crisis that brings together, in a historic team-up for the first time ever, Street & Smith's super-star trinity: The Shadow! Doc Savage! The Avenger! 75 years in the making, JUSTICE, INC. begins here, spawned by a horrific tragedy of death and destruction secretly orchestrated by some of the most powerful and unexpected villains in the history of the pulps! Chapter 1 (of 6): "The Time Machine!"

Justice, Inc. #1 will be solicited in Diamond Comic Distributors' June Previews catalog, the premiere source of merchandise for the comic book specialty market, and slated for release in August 2014. Comic book fans are encouraged to reserve copies of Justice, Inc. #1 with their local comic book retailers. Justice, Inc. #1 will also be available for individual customer purchase through digital platforms courtesy of Comixology, iVerse, and Dark Horse Digital.

Michael Uslan is the originator and Executive Producer of the Batman/Dark Knight movie franchise. Most recently, Uslan wrote the critically-acclaimed story, "Silent Knight, Unholy Knight" in BATMAN BLACK & WHITE, as well as Dynamite Comics' "The Shadow/ Green Hornet: Dark Nights."

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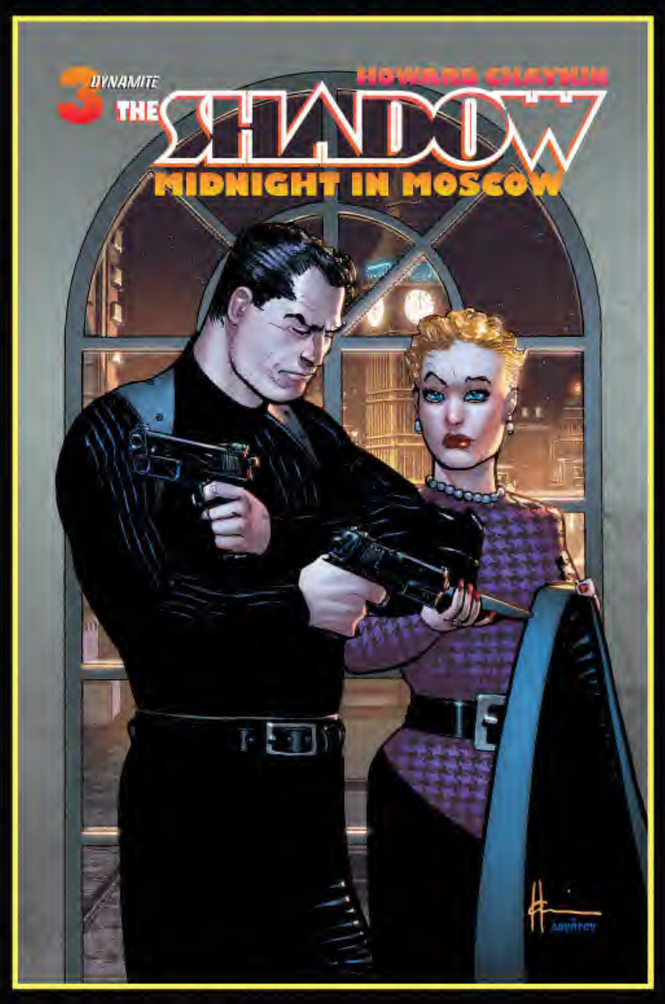

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"The Game's afoot!" Sherlock Holmes famously said--and a half century after the legendary sleuth pursued criminals in the foggy streets of London, The Shadow finds himself in the footsteps of Holmes, drawn into the hunt for a conspiracy that will, if it succeeds, will bring the free world to its knees.

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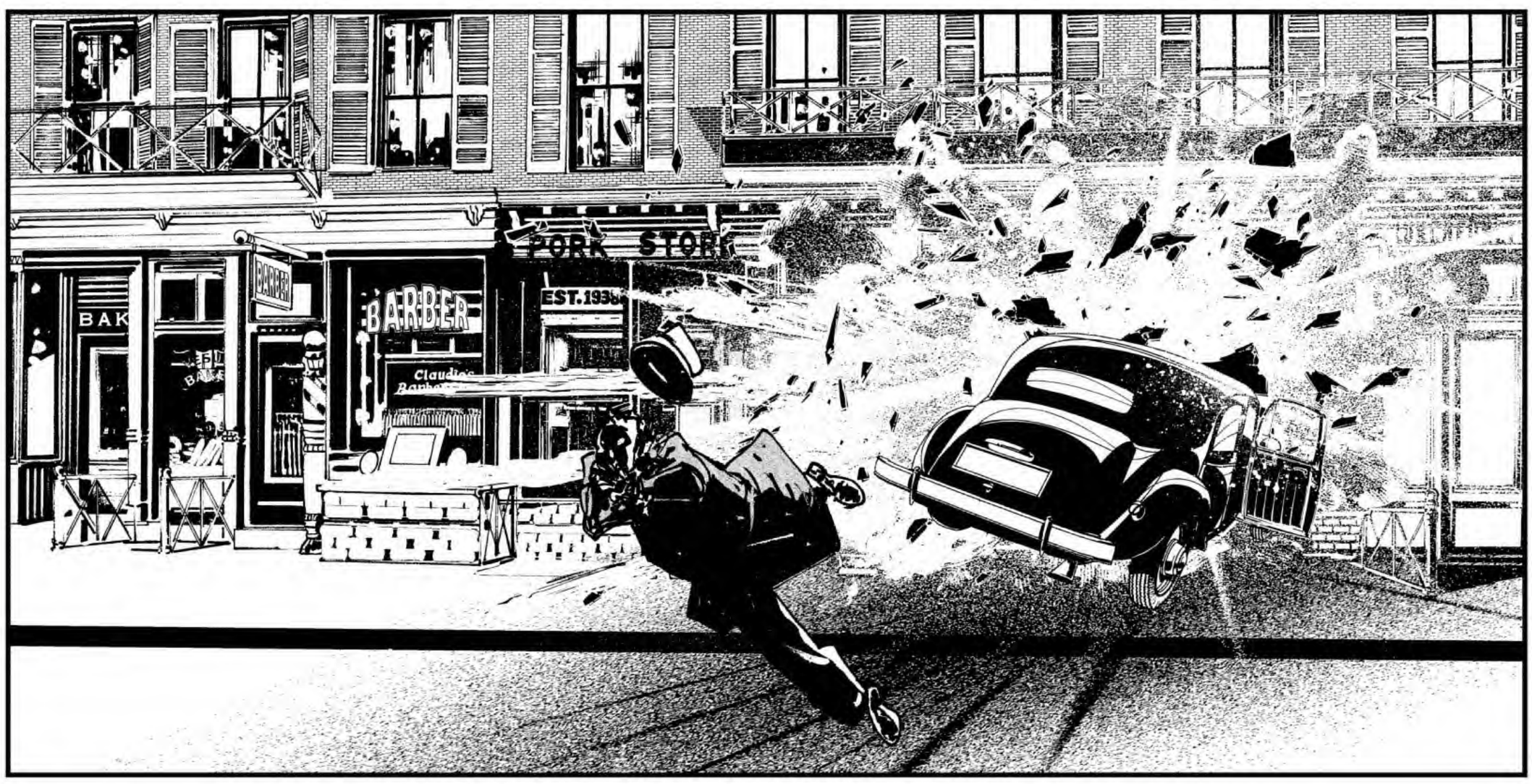

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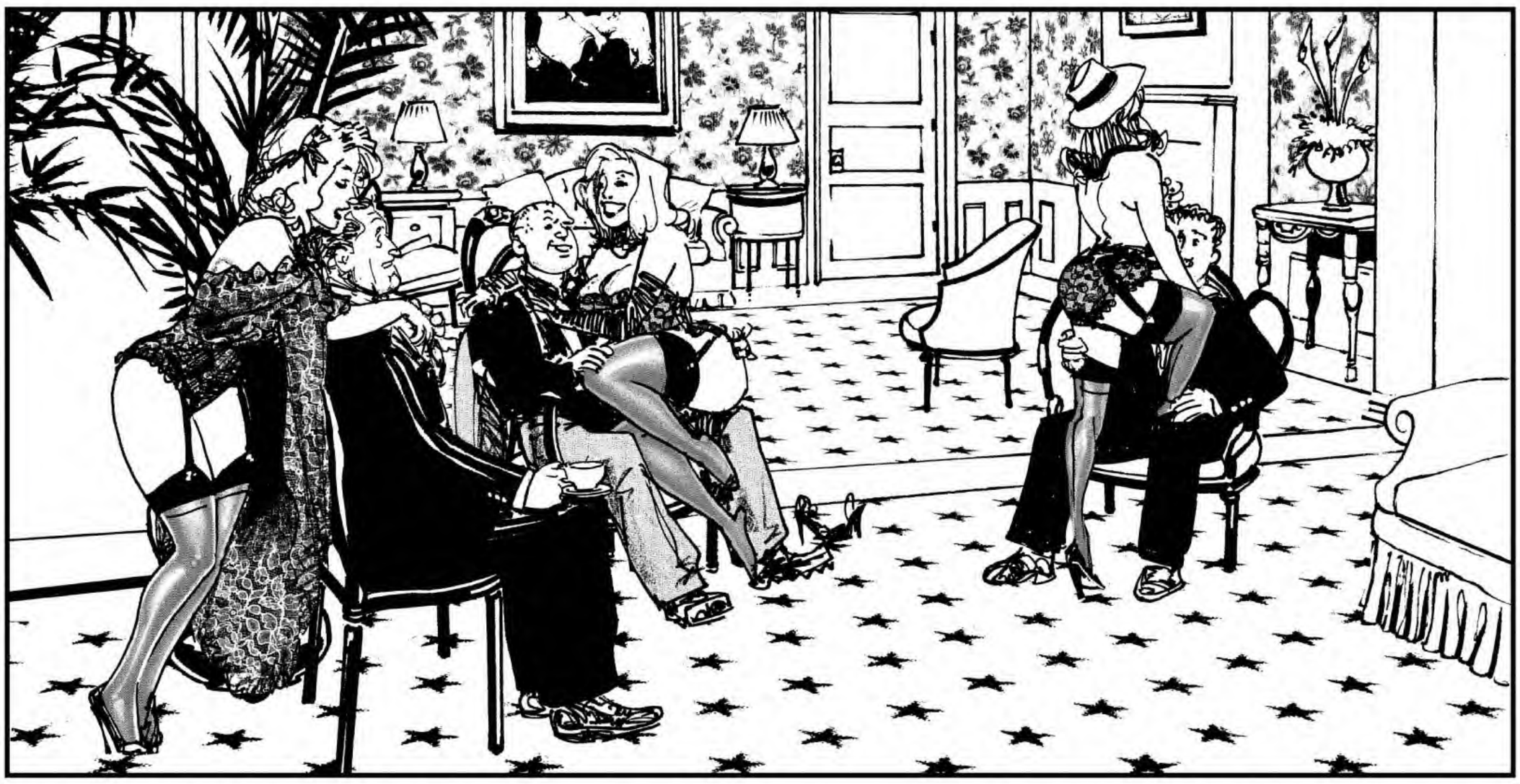

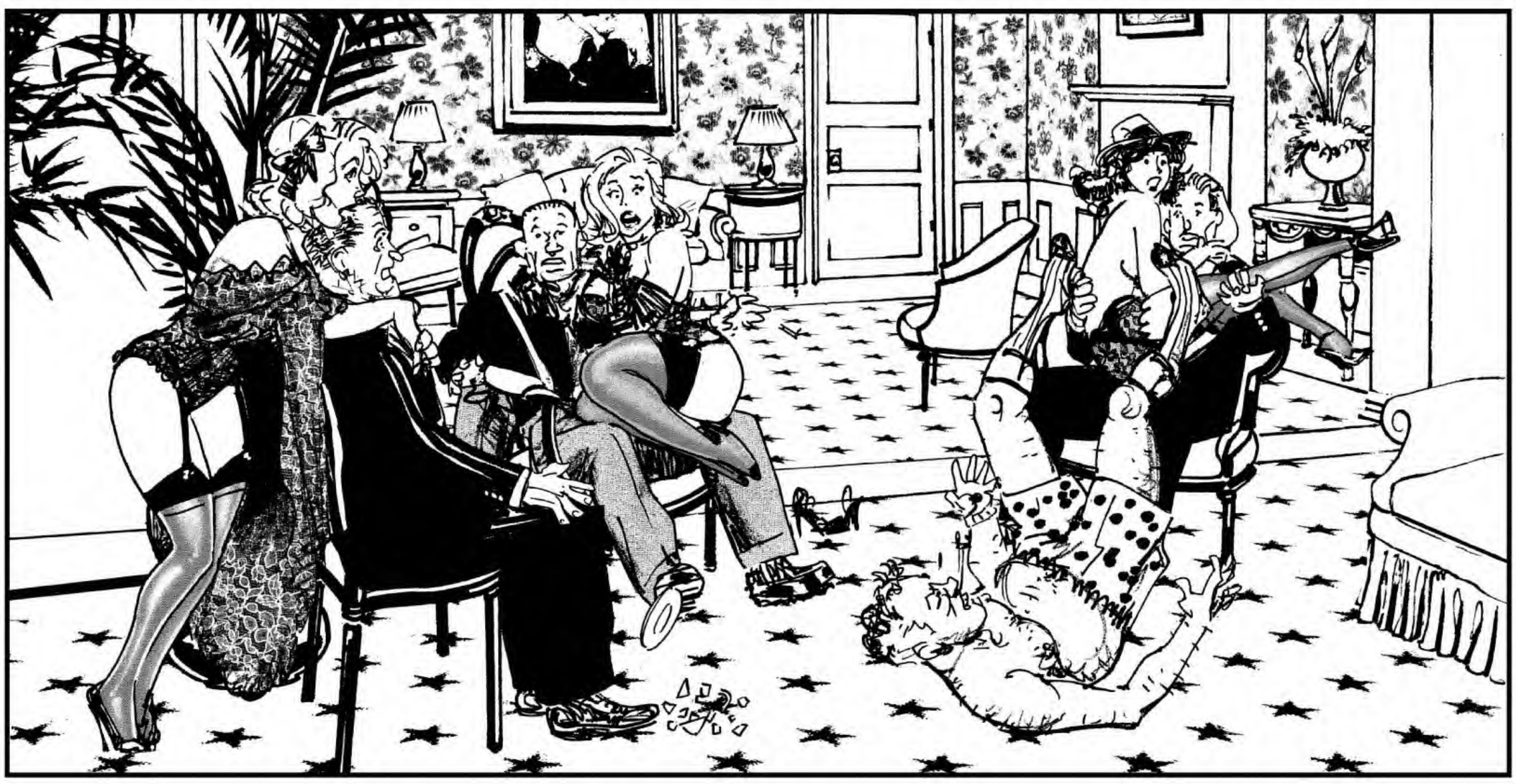

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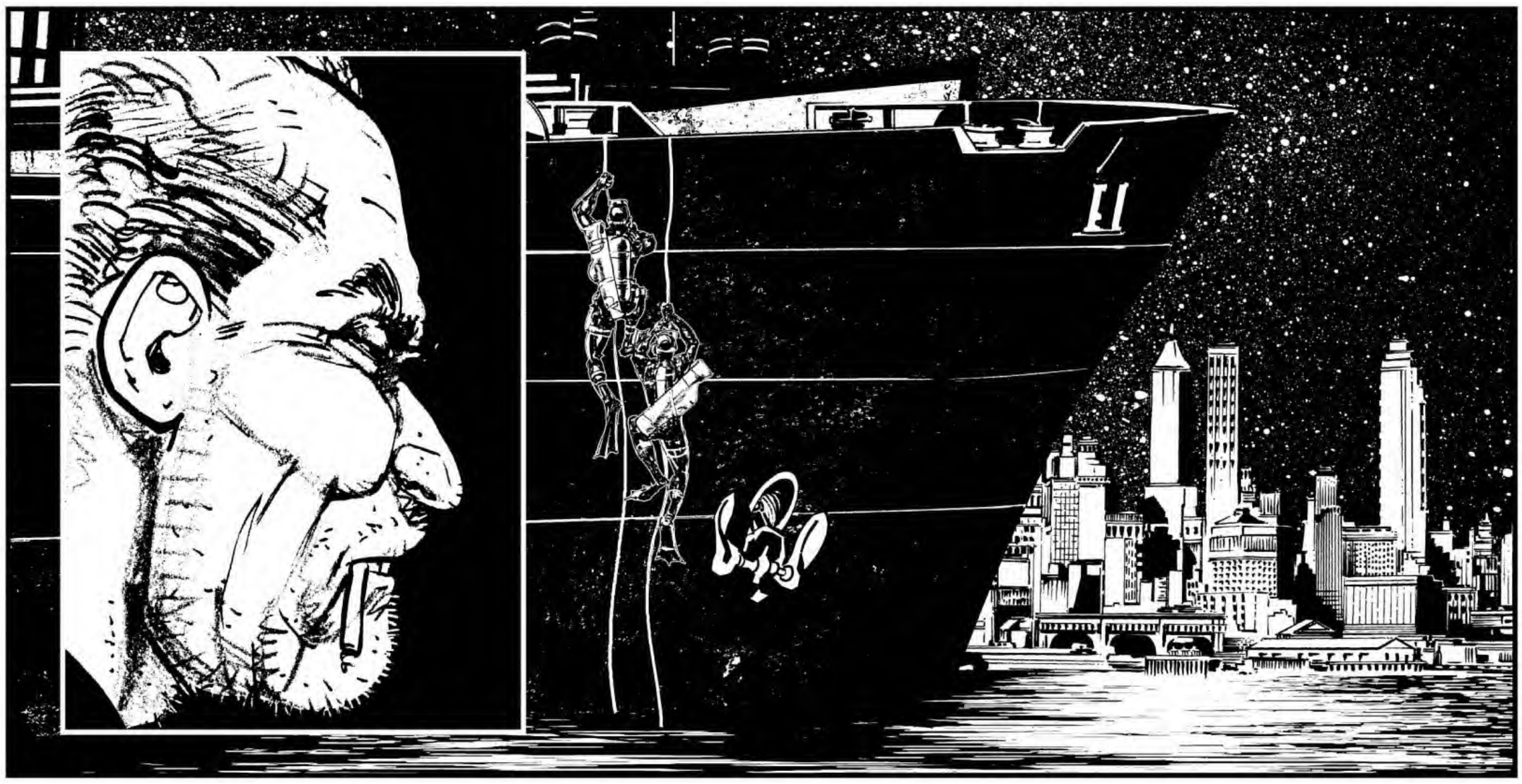

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